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TEEN HACKERS WREAK HAVOC FOR IDG

(or "Don't Try This At Home, Kids!")

Magazine Week, a trade publication for publishing moguls, recently reported an interesting tidbit in relation to IDG Communications Inc., publishers of such august journals as *MacWorld*, *PC World*, and, of course, *AmigaWorld*. Two teenage hackers, ages 17 and 14, from Staten Island, NY, were arrested on charges of computer tampering with the voice mail system at IDG, actions that contributed to an estimated \$2.4 million in advertising losses. The teens used an 800 telephone number for *GamePro* magazine to access the computer voice mail system and after cracking the codes were able to erase phone messages for advertising insertion orders. They were also able to change the recorded voice mail messages that incoming callers heard. One employee was surprised to find her name changed to "Marge Simpson" on her voice mail message. Lots of profanity and several bomb threats accompanied by rap music were also left on the telephone system. The tampering continued for a five month period. One of the arrested youths indicated that his motivation for the alleged high-tech mischief was that he was annoyed with IDG when he failed to receive a poster that was promised with a subscription to *GamePro*.

LABEL MAKER

If you've been meaning to get your address list and disk collection organized and up to date but didn't have any software to do it with, you no longer have an excuse for putting it off. *Easy-Script!* Software has released **LabelDex!** The program is a label-oriented data manager (with search and sort capability) that will output pages of addresses, rolodex cards, mailing labels, phone lists, and envelopes. There's also a built-in floppy disk cataloger that will automatically pull directories off the disks and format them into printable 3.5"

disk labels. The printing functions are designed around using standard-sized labels, though you can customize the layout for odd sizes. Printers supported include Epson-compatibles, HP LaserJet, DeskJet, and PostScript. There's also ARexx support. Price is \$74.95. 10006 Covington Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803. 205-881-6297.

COMMODORE SUPPORTS WORLD OF AMIGA

Commodore has announced their official endorsement of World of Amiga, an Amiga product trade show

produced by the Hunter Group. The show, which received an enthusiastic response from more than 15,000 people who attended its debut last year, will take place April 5-7, in New York City at the Passenger Ship Terminal, Pier 90. To signify its support, Commodore plans to offer seminars for resellers, developers, and Amiga users, and will be a major exhibitor at the show. Admission price is \$15 per day or \$30 for the three day admission package. Advance group tickets of \$8 per person for groups of 25 or more can be arranged through the Hunter Group (416-595-5906) before March 15, 1991.

.infoMANIA GAME TIPS

Here are some secret "side doors," "back doors," and strategies to your favorite Amiga games, for .info subscribers only!

Back To The Future II: Pause the action at any time and type *THE ONLY NEAT THING TO DO*. The game will reset, indicating the cheat mode is active. Now you have infinite lives.

Hillsfar: When picking locks with your tools press the F key and all will be revealed.

Captain Blood: When you encounter a particularly friendly alien, ask it the following question using the alien icons - CODE GG1. The alien will then give you the coordinates of another alien called GG. Go to the specified planet and you can then ask GG for the coordinates of all the other aliens around by asking CODE INFORMATION HELP. If you're met with blind ignorance then put in the name of an alien after the HELP.

Gauntlet II: When you open a treasure chest, hold down the HELP key, then when you open a second chest, hold down the INSERT key - a golden cross will appear. Collect this and you'll find your health points mysteriously rise to 50,000. You'll

also have super shots for the remainder of that level.

Hunt For Red October: If you are surrounded by enemy ships, simply save the game. When you restore that game all the enemy ships will have disappeared.

New Zealand Story: Another cheat mode that works with various versions of game. Type *FLYFFY KIWIS* at any time for infinite lives.

Better Dead Than Alien: On the title screens type *ELV* or *CHAMP* to enter the cheat mode. Pressing the following function keys provides all manner of amazing weaponry and bolt-on goodies with which to do huge amounts of damage to the alien nasties.

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| F1 | SCATTERBOLTS |
| F2 | MULTIPLE FIRE |
| F3 | AUTO-REPEAT |
| F4 | ARMOUR MISSILES |
| F5 | STUN |
| F6 | NEUTRON BOMB |
| F7 | CLONE SHIP |
| F8 | SHIELD |
| F9 | SKIP LEVEL |
| F10 | EXTRA POWER BARS |

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AEHD HIGH-DENSITY FLOPPY DRIVE

\$239.00 

Applied Engineering, PO Box 5100,
Carrolton, TX 75011, 214-241-6060

This compact little 3.5" external disk drive looks like a Mac drive, though it's not Mac compatible. It actually handles two separate Amiga disk formats. The first is, of course, standard 880K Amiga-DOS format. The other is a 1.5 megabyte high-density format that is 100% compatible with the Amiga operating system. You just plug the AEHD into the external drive port and transfer a couple of files into your DEVS: directory and you are set to go. It acts simultaneously as both a regular and a high-density drive - mine is set up as df2: (normal) and df6: (high-density). High density 3.5" disks have an extra hole in them, and the AEHD uses this to auto-detect which format to use.

So far, mine has worked without flaw for over three months with my A2000. It's especially handy for those slightly

too large animation files, or combining two-disk programs like *Pro Draw 2.0* onto one disk. And the latest version of *Quarterback* (v4.2) now supports the AEHD. But if you plan with future compatibility in mind, something to consider is that Commodore's soon-to-be-released high-density floppy will not use the same HD format, so disks will not be cross-compatible.

Do I have a wish list? You bet! I'd like to see: variable speed for reading Mac disks (Applied Engineering makes a Mac drive already, so they should be up to the task); the ability to read MS/DOS high-density disks; and compatibility with Commodore's high density format. If these are not considerations for you, then the AEHD is a nice device.

- Mark R. Brown

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

| SHOW | DATES | LOCATION |
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| AmigaWorld Expo | March 15-17 | New York, NY |
| World Of Amiga | April 5-7 | New York, NY |
| National Computer Graphics Association Conference and Expo | April 22-25 | Chicago, IL |
| AmigaWorld Expo | July 26-28 | Orlando, FL |
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